GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7129
ANSWERED ON:14.05.2002
COMMONWEALTH HUMAN RIGHT INITIATIVE POLICE REFORM
TUFANI SAROJ

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the `Commonwealth Human Right Initiative` has urged the Government to take steps to bring about reforms in Police Force in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the `Commonwealth Human Right Initiative` has alleged that Gujarat Police adopted discriminating attitude during communal violence in the State; and

(d) if not, the details of the report submitted to the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a)to(d): The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, a New Delhi based Non-Government Organisation has, in a press release issued on 8th April, 2002 made allegations regarding discriminatory attitude of police during communal violence in Gujarat and have urged the Government to implement the long standing recommendations on police reforms. The Government of Gujarat have appointed a Commission of Enquiry to look into the incidents of violence including the adequacy of administrative measures taken to deal with the disturbances.